

A regular meeting of the James Island Public Service District Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. on February 28, 2011, in the conference room of the District offices located at 1739 Signal Point Road, James Island, South Carolina.

Present at the meeting were the following members of the Commission: Donald Hollingsworth, Chair, who presided; Inez BrownCrouch, David Engelman, Eugene Platt, June Waring, Gene Woodall and Rod Welch.

Also present were: Robert Wise, District Manager and Tamara Eberhart, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Hollingsworth called the meeting to order.

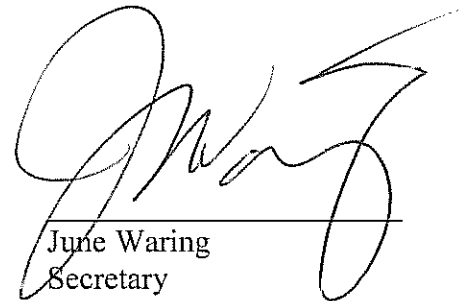
Mr. Hollingsworth led the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag of the United States of America.

1. The Freedom of Information Act – In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting and its agenda were provided to all news media and persons requesting notification.
2. Roll was called.
3. Oral and Written Petitions
 - A. Alan Laughlin, 847 Darwin Street, expressed his disapproval of proposed Resolution No. 11-03 (Restoring Voter Confidence in Elections) and read his opinion to the Commission.
 - B. Lee Edwards, former St. Andrews PSD Commissioner, thanked Mr. Wise for helping with the negotiations with the city and expressed that the voting machine issue is very important.
4. Approval of Minutes
 - A. **Ms. BrownCrouch moved to approve the Regular Commission meeting minutes of February 14, 2011, seconded by Mr. Woodall. The motion carried unanimously.**
5. February District Management Report
 - A. Mr. Wise gave an update on the Battery Island sewer project meeting. A community meeting about the sewer project's system will be held at 7 p.m. on March 7, 2011, in the District's conference room.
 - B. Mr. Wise reported that the proprietary fund is 3% under and the buying flow rate is 3% under. He further noted that the General Fund expenditures are 4% under and the Proprietary Fund is 5% under.
 - C. Ms. BrownCrouch expressed that the Employee Safety Committee is doing an excellent job. Mr. Wise reported that the annual safety event will be held in June. Mr. Hollingsworth expressed that Mr. Cervino, Safety Director, has done an excellent job.
6. Committee Reports
 - A. Ways & Means – Mr. Hollingsworth reported that the Committee met at 6:30 p.m. today to receive a brief presentation on the budget. A budget workshop has been scheduled for March 8, 2011, at 6 p.m. in the conference room.
7. Unfinished Business
 - A. Resolution No. 11-03 Restoring Voter Confidence in Elections – Mr. Platt stated that he revised the resolution to address prior concerns. Mr. Platt introduced Frank Heindel, who has spent a lot of time and personal financial resources, to draw attention to the voting machine issues. Mr. Heindel stated that he spent the last 8 months auditing the State's election system, along with computer experts who audited election files from various counties and expressed that our voting system is flawed and should be replaced. Discussion followed. The Commission thanked Mr. Heindel for his attendance and the information he shared.

Mr. Platt moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-03 Restoring Voter Confidence in Elections, seconded by Mr. Engelman. The motion carried unanimously as follows:

- Ms. BrownCrouch Aye
- Mr. Hollingsworth Aye
- Mr. Platt Aye
- Mr. Engelman Aye
- Ms. Waring Aye
- Mr. Welch Aye
- Mr. Woodall Aye

- 8. New Business – none.
- 9. Correspondence and/or Newspaper Articles
 - A. Mr. Hollingsworth spoke briefly to the County’s upcoming ban on plastic bags for yard waste.
- 10. Oral and Written Petitions
 - A. Robert Schurmeier, 706 Creekside Road, asked Mr. Wise for an update on Fire Station 2’s status. Mr. Wise stated that plans are being worked out between the District and the County.
 - B. Eugene Platt, 734 Gilmore Street, expressed his appreciation for former St. Andrews PSD Commissioner Lee Edwards’s family.
 - C. Alan Laughlin, 847 Darwin Street, asked what plans are being made to get rid of the bottleneck near Harbor View Road. A brief discussion followed.
- 11. **Ms. BrownCrouch moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Woodall. The motion carried unanimously.**
- 12. Mr. Hollingsworth adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.



June Waring
Secretary

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A RESOLUTION NO. 11-03 BY THE JAMES ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT COMMISSION TOWARD RESTORING VOTER CONFIDENCE IN ELECTIONS

WHEREAS the James Island Public Service District Commission (the governing body of the James Island Public Service District established in 1961) is composed of duly elected representatives of the citizens of James Island and serves over 22,000 such citizens, it is appropriate for the Commission to state an official position on important issues affecting those citizens; and

WHEREAS we live in a republic in which the right to vote in free elections is cherished; and

WHEREAS all who vote in such elections have a reasonable expectation that their respective votes will be counted exactly as cast, allowing all voters a high degree of confidence not only in the integrity, but also in the accuracy of the entire electoral process; and

WHEREAS many citizens do not have full confidence in the voting machines currently used for elections in South Carolina; and

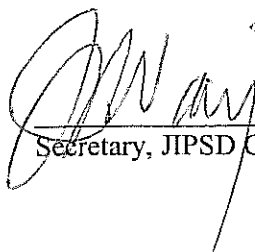
WHEREAS a concern frequently expressed about the voting machines is they do not incorporate a “paper trail” that could facilitate unequivocal confirmation of election results; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: The James Island Public Service District Commission implores the State Legislature, during its current session, to direct the Legislative Audit Council to initiate a review of the voting machines currently in use, toward possible replacement with voting machines that incorporate a “paper trail” (or, alternatively, replacement with any other creditable process—even paper ballots—for which individual county election commissions might opt) that will increase voter confidence in the electoral process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Copies of this resolution will be sent to news media entities (including, but not necessarily restricted to, The Post and Courier, Charleston City Paper, WTMA, Associated Press), Legislative Audit Council (specifically, to each of the five Public Members and each of the four Legislative Members), Charleston County Legislative Delegation, Charleston County Council, Town of James Island, City of Folly Beach, League of Women Voters, and partisan political organizations (including, but not necessarily restricted to, South Carolina Republican Party, South Carolina Democratic Party, South Carolina Green Party).

IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED, this twenty-eighth day of February 2011

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Secretary, JIPSD Commission


Chair, JIPSD Commission